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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON VCXC PETITION FOR NOTICE OF INQUIRY ON THE MIGRATION TO HD VOICE

GN Docket No. 13-5

Comment Date: June 23, 2014 Reply Comment Date: July 8, 2014

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a petition filed by the Voice Communication Exchange Committee (VCXC) requesting that the Commission issue a Notice of Inquiry on the migration to high definition (HD) voice technologies as part of the technology transitions that the Commission is considering. VCXC asks the Commission to "investigate the benefits of a common HD voice implementation to replace standard definition voice services historically associated with the Public Switched Telephone Network."

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated above. Comments are to reference **GN Docket No. 13-5**, and may be filed on paper copies or by using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

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 - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber

¹ See VCXC Petition for Notice of Inquiry on the Migration to HD Voice (filed Feb. 25, 2014). On March 7, 2014, VCXC's Petition was associated with GN Docket No. 13-5, and thus may be found at http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7521089152

² *Id*.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.